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Steer & Heifer Prices Continue To Set Records

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agricultural commodities sold during October was 126 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was unchanged from September but was up 26 points (26 percent) from October of last year.

The **All Livestock Index** was down 1 point (1 percent) from last month but up 31 points (32 percent) from last year. Prices for steers and heifers, calves, sheep, and lambs were higher than in September, while prices for cows were lower. All livestock prices continued to be significantly above last year at this time. Steer and heifer prices averaged \$105.00 per hundredweight, beating the previous record of \$99.90 set last month. Prices were \$23.10 higher than October 2002 and \$5.10 higher than last month. Calf prices, at \$110.00 per hundredweight, were \$1.00 higher than last month, \$18.90 higher than a year ago and a record high for October. Cow prices, at \$47.00 per hundredweight, were \$13.20 higher than last year. Lamb prices, at

\$105.00 per hundredweight, were \$18.40 above October 2002 and \$2.00 higher than last month, while sheep prices were \$12.50 higher than a year ago.

The **All Crops Index** was down 3 points (3 percent) from September and down 26 points (20 percent) from last year, mainly due to a large drop in hay prices from last year. Prices were slightly lower than last month for corn, dry beans, and alfalfa hay. Prices were higher for oats, feed barley, and all wheat. Other hay was unchanged. All crops were lower this month compared with October 2002. Alfalfa hay averaged \$81.00 per ton in October, down \$1.00 from September and \$30.00 below October 2002. Other hay prices, at \$75.00 per ton, were down \$31.00 from last year. Wheat averaged \$3.07, down \$1.60 from last year. Dry beans averaged \$17.50 per hundredweight in October, down 80 cents from last month and 90 cents lower than October 2002.

The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October was 113, based on 1990-92=100, 3 points above the September Index. Since last month, the Livestock and Products Index was higher while the All Crops Index was unchanged. Higher commodity prices for cattle, soybeans, dairy, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for corn, hogs, wheat, and potatoes.

The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed more than offset decreased marketings of dairy, grapes, wheat, and tobacco.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 18 points (19 percent) from October 2002. Higher prices for cattle, soybeans, broilers, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for corn, wheat, potatoes, and hay.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, OCTOBER 2002, SEPTEMBER 2003, AND OCTOBER 15, 2003.								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		OCT 2002	SEPT 2003	OCT 15 2003	OCT 2002	SEPT 2003	OCT 15 2003	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	33.80	47.50	47.00	33.60	44.90	44.70	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	81.90	99.00	105.00	68.60	89.40	97.40	—
Calves	100#	91.10	109.00	110.00	92.00	109.00	112.00	51
Sheep	100#	24.50	36.40	37.00	26.50	32.10	1/	—
Lambs	100#	86.60	103.00	105.00	79.60	94.70	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.52	2.05	2.00	2.34	2.20	2.02	30
Oats	Bu.	2.20	1.92	1.95	1.80	1.38	1.37	33
Feed Barley	Bu.	2.11	1.68	1.80	2.26	2.30	2.24	—
All Wheat	Bu.	4.67	3.01	3.07	4.38	3.39	3.23	33
Dry Beans	100#	18.40	18.30	17.50	16.70	17.70	17.00	33
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	111.00	82.00	81.00	102.00	89.00	88.80	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	106.00	75.00	75.00	74.50	70.10	71.40	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996.

NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.							
1990-92 = 100		WYOMING			UNITED STATES		
		OCT 2002	SEPT 2003	OCT 15 2003	OCT 2002	SEPT 2003	OCT 15 2003
All Commodities		100	126	126	95	110	113
All Crops		131	108	105	101	111	111
All Livestock and Products		97	129	128	87	110	116

WYOMING AVERAGE SUGARBEET YIELD HIGHEST SINCE 1981

WYOMING: The November 1 forecast for Wyoming's sugarbeet crop indicates production will increase 12 percent from last year due a higher average yield per acre, according to Sherry Bertramsen with the Wyoming Agricultural Statistics Service.

Sugarbeet growers intend to harvest 33,600 acres this year, down 2,400 acres from last year and the smallest area for harvest since 1984. Yield is expected to average 22.0 tons per acre, up 0.5 ton from the October 1 forecast and up 3.7 tons from 2002. This would be the highest average yield per acre since 1981. Total production in 2003 is expected to be 739,000 tons, up 12 percent from 2002, but down 14 percent from 2001.

United States: **Corn for grain** production is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and 14 percent above 2002. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 143.2 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from October and up 13.2 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. The previous record was set in 1994.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 30.6 million tons, 2 percent above the October 1 forecast and 10 percent above last year's production. Acres harvested and to be harvested in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States total 1.35 million acres. This is virtually unchanged from October, but 1 percent below last year. The yield is forecast at 22.8 tons per acre, 0.6 ton above last month and 2.4 tons above 2002.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2002; FINAL SMALL GRAINS AND NOVEMBER 1 ROW CROP FORECASTS, 2003

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2002	2003	2002	November 2003	2002	November 2003	2002	November 2003	03/02 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		
WYOMING									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	80	85	36	48	124	2/	4,464	2/	
Winter Wheat (bu) 3/	150	160	120	145	19	27	2,280	3,915	172%
Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	9	8	4	6	24	25	96	150	156%
Oats (bu) 3/	70	60	15	23	54	46	810	1,058	131%
Barley (bu) 3/	90	90	70	75	70	95	4,900	7,125	145%
Sugarbeets (tons)	40.0	35.5	36.0	33.6	18.3	22.0	659	739	112%
Dry Beans (cwt)	32.0	30.0	29.0	32.0	21.50	22.50	624	720	115%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	--	--	500	600	2.30	2.60	1,150	1,560	136%
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	450	580	1.00	1.30	450	754	168%
All Hay (tons)	--	--	950	1,180	1.68	1.96	1,600	2,314	145%
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	79,054	79,066	69,313	71,765	130.0	143.2	9,007,659	10,277,932	114%
Winter Wheat (bu) 3/	41,845	44,945	29,751	36,541	38.5	46.7	1,145,602	1,707,069	149%
Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	15,714	13,480	13,463	13,429	29.3	39.7	393,949	532,820	135%
Oats (bu) 3/	4,995	4,601	2,093	2,224	56.7	65.0	118,628	144,649	122%
Barley (bu) 3/	5,071	5,299	4,129	4,688	54.9	58.9	226,573	276,087	122%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,427.3	1,362.4	1,361.1	1,345.6	20.4	22.8	27,718	30,624	110%
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,922.1	1,501.2	1,726.9	1,417.8	17.36	16.65	29,974	23,603	79%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)			23,135	23,541	3.19	3.34	73,824	78,523	106%
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	41,362	40,838	1.86	2.01	77,138	82,183	107%
All Hay (tons)	--	--	64,497	64,379	2.34	2.50	150,962	160,706	106%

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released January 12, 2004

3/Year-end estimate.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on October 1, 2003. The inventory was 2 percent below October 1, 2002 and 8 percent below October 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.24 million steers and steer calves, down slightly from the previous year. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.91 million head, down 4 percent from 2002.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, 13 percent above 2002 and 16 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.41 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 698,000, 600-699 pounds were 545,000, 700-799 pounds were 610,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 621,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 2.03 million, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during September, 19 percent above 2002 and 37 percent above 2001.

MONTHLY RECORD HIGH FOR U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during September 2003 totaled 600,000 pounds. This is down 35 percent from the previous month but up 40 percent from September 2002. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Seven hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in September, up 200 from a year ago. Total liveweight was 833,000 pounds, up 44 percent from September 2002. Average liveweight of cattle slaughtered was 1,213 pounds, up 43 pounds from last year.

A total of 600 **hogs** and **pigs** were processed, unchanged from last year. Total liveweight, at 145,000 pounds, was down 5 percent from September 2002. Average liveweight of hogs slaughtered was 264 pounds, up 10 pounds from last year.

Two hundred **sheep** and **lambs** were processed in September, unchanged from September 2002. Liveweight totaled 22,000 pounds, also unchanged from last year. Average liveweight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 134 pounds, down 3 pounds from a year earlier.

January to September red meat production, at 5.1 million pounds, was 19 percent above the same period in 2002.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 1, 2002-2003 1/						
State	On Feed Sept 1, 2003	Place- ments Sept 2003	Market- ings Sept 2003	Other Disapp. Sept 2003	On Feed Oct 1, 2003	On Feed Oct 1, 2002
Thousand Head						
CO	900	255	200	5	950	1,030
KS	2,250	530	465	15	2,300	2,280
NE	1,660	520	345	5	1,830	1,960
TX	2,700	620	580	20	2,720	2,720
Oth Sts.	2,324	549	442	18	2,413	2,426
U.S.	9,834*	2,474	2,032	63	10,213	10,416

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.
*Revised

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.01 billion pounds in September, a record high for the month and up 3 percent from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in September 2002.

Beef production, at 2.31 billion pounds, was a monthly record high and was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.12 million head, up 9 percent from September 2002. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,227 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, a monthly record high and up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.55 million head, 1 percent above September 2002. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 263 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.9 million pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 256,300 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 3 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2003 commercial red meat production was 35.0 billion pounds, down slightly from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 2002 AND 2003, Wyoming and U.S.									
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES			
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight	
	Sept 2002	Sept 2003	Sept 2002	Sept 2003	% 03/02	Sept 2002	Sept 2003	Sept 2002	Sept 2003
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds	
Cattle	500	700	579	833	144	2,866,700	3,122,900	3,619,953	3,832,666
Hogs	600	600	152	145	95	8,505,500	8,554,200	2,215,539	2,245,673
Sheep & Lambs	200	200	22	22	100	276,300	256,300	35,374	33,594

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Turkey Trivia

- 🦃 Turkeys originated in North and Central America, and evidence indicates that they have been around for over 10 million years.
- 🦃 Benjamin Franklin was displeased when the bald eagle was chosen over his proposed “original native” turkey as a national symbol. He said the turkey is a more respectable bird and a true original native of America.
- 🦃 The Guinness Book of Records states that the largest dressed weight (cooked, with dressing) recorded for a turkey is 39.09 kg (86 lb.) on December 12, 1989.
- 🦃 More than 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten during Thanksgiving.
- 🦃 The average weight of turkeys purchased for Thanksgiving is 15 pounds. A 15-pound turkey typically has about 70% white meat and 30% dark meat.
- 🦃 Americans feast on approximately 535 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving.
- 🦃 Last year 2.74 billions pounds of turkey were processed in the United States.
- 🦃 Ninety percent of American homes eat turkey on Thanksgiving. Fifty percent eat turkey on Christmas.
- 🦃 North Carolina produces 61 million turkeys annually, more than any other state. Minnesota and Arkansas are number two and three.